

### Health Care:

We need to reform health care to make it more affordable and accessible for all Americans.

Health care quality means getting the care you need when you need it and seeing the doctor of your choice without interference from insurance companies or government bureaucrats.

We need to reduce waste, fraud and abuse in the health care system to bring costs down and end the frivolous lawsuits that force doctors to practice defensive medicine instead of preventive medicine.

Doctors and patients should make health care decisions, not Washington bureaucrats.

I have co-sponsored legislation (H.R. 2516) that would guarantee the rights of patients to control their own health care decisions. It would also guarantee that private health care would not be denied by government restrictions, and ban interference into the doctor-patient relationship by protecting the right of Americans to get the care they need when they need it.

I remain very concerned and troubled by any proposal to create a Washington takeover of health care that would deny patients treatment options or choice of doctors. No Washington politician should stand between you and your doctor, and the government should not be deciding which treatment you should or should not have.